GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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PATENT OF DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a large number of drugs whose patents have expired in developed countries are now being patented in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Committee constituted by the Government for negotiating prices of patented drugs has since submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(e) The action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K.HANDIQUE)

(a)and (b): The comprehensive product patent regime was introduced in India from 1.1.2005.It is unlikely in most cases that drugs whose patent have expired in developed countries would get patented in India..

(c) to (e): A Committee has been constituted in this Department to examine the issue of Price Negotiations for the Patented Drugs. The committee is yet to submit its report to the Government.